

# *Illusions*

A Newsletter for the TV/TS Oriented



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# The Calendar

The calendar is a service of up-coming events available for our members. If you know of any events at any bars, lounges, or other organizations, just let us know so we may publish this information for others notification. If you are having a party or special event, let us know, we'll let the membership know! All Meetings start at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted.

## August 8, 1991

Illusions Edmonton

Location; Call 489-9661

## August 29, 1991

Illusions Calgary

At The Club

## September 12, 1991

Illusions Edmonton

Location: Call 486-9661

## September 14, 1991

Illusions Calgary

*Saturday!! Grand opening party!!*

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## September 23, 1991

Hooker Night!!!

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Illusions Calgary

At the Club

## October 10, 1991

Illusions Edmonton

Bar Crawl III "Aaah night out to a Bar"

Location; Call 489-9661

## October 19, 1991

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At the new Club!!

## October 31, 1991

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At The Club

## November 14, 1991

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## The Editors Page

Well girls here we are a year and a bit old, and what do we have to show for it? Well... I'll tell you we have a very successful club that celebrated its first birthday party!!! We are proud to have elected our **Empress of Illusions Stephanie,**

**1st Princess Anne, and 2nd Princess Colleen.**

We hope that this becomes an tradition of our club for the future.

The paper thanks its patrons for its support and looks forward to future articles from you

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## What's New !!

### Calgary

Well, the big news this month is that Lingerie By Barbie is MOVING!!!

Lingerie By Barbie and B & B Leatherworks will operate in their own premises starting September 1, 1991. Starting in September, B & B Enterprises will be located two doors down at 6802 Ogden Road S.E. This new location will also have a facility that would lend itself more to our lifestyle. B & B Enterprises will rent the facility to Illusions for meetings instead of renting the room we are now in. The new facility will have a change room with lockers, a make-up room, television area which will include couches and VCR and a general meeting area. In the meeting area, there will be a stage, a bar with fridge as well as chairs and tables. Through B & B Enterprises, this facility will be available for day use, single person rental for changing & late night return changing, party rental and other club rentals.

Starting in September, we are going to a two meeting /month format. We will continue with our regular last Thursday of the Month Social and add a mid-month Saturday night. Saturday evenings will be open for members and guests to entertain in: lip-synco, comedy, music, etc. There is a possibility of our own TV band being formed. Those wishing to entertain at the grand opening or at any subsequent entertainment Saturdays must contact Bree with content performance. Come on gals, let's make Entertainment Saturdays a real showcase of talent - whether it's real or imagined. FOR FURTHER INFO, contact Barbie or Bree !!!

### Edmonton

Well Edmonton is now 40 members strong. For October we are planing a safe night out at the bars starting with supper at a safe restraunt. This will be a safe night out. So come out and have a fantasy night out. Call me for details this will be by reservation only because arrangements have to be made to insure this night!!

We also would like to announce that Colleen is now an Asst. Executive

**Marsha**

**\*\*\*WANTED\*\*\***

**An Illusion's Girl**

For a exclusive photo and article exposure . This is to become an regular addition to our paper. So write your story and We'll do the pictures. Come on girls lets do it!!



With a year having elapsed since the inception of Illusions, Saturday June 15th was designated as the Night For Our Gala Birthday Party. This affair was put together by our resourceful, imaginative, club executive and they can take full credit for a very successful evening. Barbie as is usually the case, being the driving force behind our club social activities, ably assisted by Bree and Marsha of course.

The evening started out much as our regular socials do, except that there was a great deal more people scurrying around, last minute make-up touch ups and hair styling, wig setting, etc. Volunteer Mistress of Ceremonies, Anne, was busily organizing the contestants for the "Empress Pageant." With cassette tapes for the "Lip Sync" performers and gathering information on contestants for the Formal Walk, she had much to do, in addition to having set up the lighting, our Mistress Anne contributed immensely to the smooth flow of the entertainment.

Still backstage, you can only try to imagine the butterflies, and the smattering of the last minute "STAGEFRIGHT" among the contestants. Lo and behold, a miracle appeared, our guest entertainer "Terri" started doing impressions of various entertainers and otherwise hamming it up. This had a tremendously calming effect on the Contestants, which made us all more at ease and ready for the upcoming show. Many thanks Terri, for a really great contribution, a bigger help than you were aware of.

Showtime at last, the contestants made their grand debut in the formal walk being introduced in turn to all present. Then came the talent segment, we really have quite an array of imagination, creativity and artistic presentation amongst our members. All performers really put on a tremendous show. The final walk brought the entertainment to a close and the judging panel now had the exacting task of selecting the "Empress and Princess's, I'm sure that performing was easier by comparison.

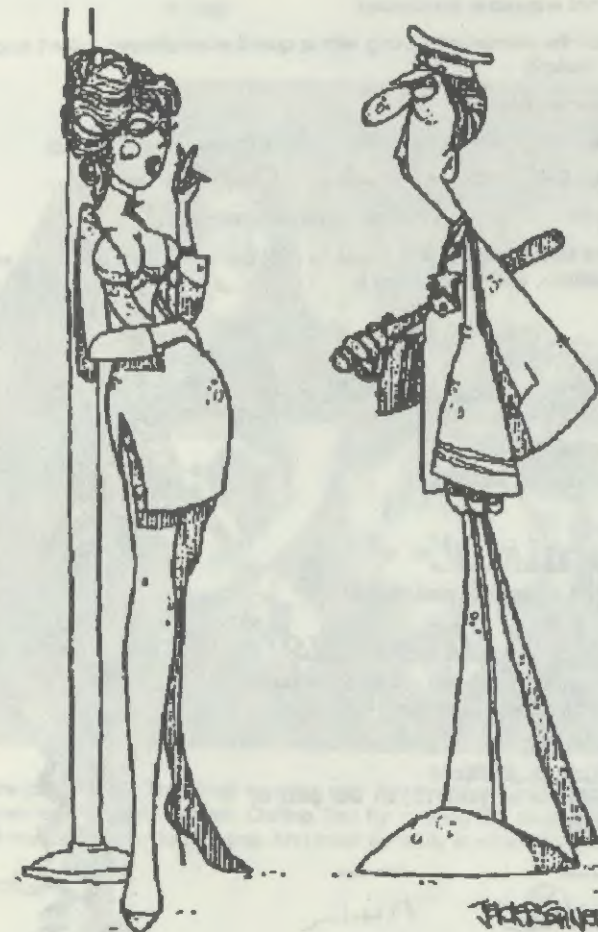
Eventually, after lengthy deliberations the results were announced, the winner and runners up were indeed worthy of their respective titles, and I sincerely congratulate them in their accomplishments. At the same time it should be mentioned that the co-operative atmosphere, genuine support and good will that prevailed among the contestants is the one really lasting memory that I shall cherish personally as it was a fantastic experience to be one of the contestants, thank-you girls for being so supportive of one another.

The evening would up with the exchange of gifts and the serving of the birthday cake, thanks to the expertise of "Suzanne" the cake was a showpiece in itself.

Finally, I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that it was an event to remember, the only event that will surpass Illusions first Birthday Bash will be Illusions second birthday bash, so come on girls, keep those ideas coming in, we only have ten months left till the next one.

## *Hooker Night*

September 26, 1991



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## Birthday Party Report!!

My goodness a whole year has gone by??? Oh well now that it has what a great party we had. On June 15 we started the party early saturday myself, Barbie and Bryan running around like crazy getting all the last minute things done, food, drinks and decorations.

But come 7 PM we were in our finery and ready to party. Anne arrived to start organising the show. She ended up with nine entries for the position of Empress and two other acts to fill the night.

The entries were Kathy ED Darien ED Colleen ED Karen CAL Stephanie CAL  
Amanda CAL Roxanne CAL Joyce CAL Anne CAL

Also myself and Terri Stevens did shows but were not entered in the contest.

The show started with a entrance walk to introduce the contestants along with a question to answer. I don't know who came up with these but some were quite tricky. (or Tacky?)

The next segment was the talent show, here is the show order:

1 Marsha I've got something 2 Kathy Tits & Ass 3 Darien Drum solo 4 Colleen Last Teardrop  
5 Karen Rainbows 6 Stephanie Freakers Ball 7 Terri \_\_\_\_\_ 8 Amanda Thing for you  
9 Roxanne My father 10 Joyce Dolly Parton 11 Anne Lavender Cowboy

Well after this show we the judges ,Barbie, Bree, and Myself had a hell of a time to pick the winners. At one point we were deadlocked and brought Susan in to break the deadlock, and the decision is

Let it be known hence forth that

**Stephanie W.**

Has been granted the esteemed position of

**Empress of Illusions.**

Hence forth be the representative of our club to all with  
her First Princess **Missress Anne**

and

Second Princess **Colleen**

Let it be known from this date of June 15, in the year of  
our lord nineteen ninety-one

Witnessed

Witnessed

Witnessed

Blee  
Bree

Barbie  
Barbie

Marsha  
Marsha

We also had many contributions to the contest

The Empress received: Crown donated by Illusions Newsletter

A pair of shoes from Crossland Shoes

1st Princess received: Tiara donated by Lingerie by Barbie

A Makeup kit from Lovers Leap

2nd Princess received: Tiara donated by B&B Leather

A Makeup Kit

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All in all the party was a smashing success with 55+ members in attendance. Our thanks go to Suzanne for a Birthday cake. Karen for the audio system. Darling Ted for running the music. Anne must be thanked expecially for M/Cing the show and the loan of the Stage lights. And most certainly all of you the membership for making this happen!!!

**Marsha**

Editor



## A NOTE FROM THE M.C. TO MARSHA PRINTED IN ITS ENTIRETY

Dear Marsha:

- HZ Here are some thoughts that you can put in the next issue. I'm not sure how it should be titled, perhaps you can think of something appropriate.

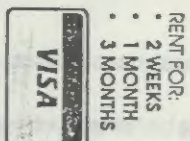
Hi everyone! Having MC'd our June 15th Birthday Party, I would like to thank you all for your participation and support in helping to make the evening a success. Although I have spent a good bit of time behind a microphone on stage, MC'ing is not usually my role and THE PARTY was definitely a different format and I must admit I was a little nervous. However, my concerns quickly diminished once we started the program and I found everyone in the audience directing their attention to the show and responding well to our contestants, their performances and my "off the cuff" jokes. I would like to thank those who helped me in my task, notably Karen for providing the PA, Ted for playing the tapes, and Marsha, Barbie and Bree for their last minute ideas. It was a pleasure to be a part of the production and I really had a pleasure to be a part of the production and I really had a good time.

Although she didn't compete, I would like to thank Marsha for volunteering to open the competition and Cathy, Dari, Colleen, Karen, Stephanie, Amanda, Roxanne, and Joyce for their contributions. Thanks also to Terri and Tracy for adding to the show.

And speaking of contributions!! I thank you all for participating in my "Lavender Cowboy" number. It was such a thrill to hear all the laughs and chuckles throughout the song and I must thank Joyce for providing the appropriate props; BOTH OF THEM!

I am honored to be your first Illusions Princess and I entered the competition not really expecting to do so well. We had a lot of good talent on the stage and I know Barbie, Marsha and Bree had a difficult time in their decision, a task I do not envy. I would like to confess to something here: although I am more than willing to put myself on stage, I am really a somewhat shy person and find it difficult to meet new people. Consequently, there are a number of people who have been attending Illusion's meetings over the last year that I have not really sat down and talked with. One of my personal goals as an Illusion's Princess is to make a point of meeting and spending some time getting to know you all a little better during the coming months.

I feel we can all be proud of what we have accomplished in the <sup>last</sup> year and I believe we now have an organization that can be of great benefit, not only to present members who have accepted their femme side but especially to those who may be only beginning to deal with their desires. We have a great club that has surpassed anything previously in this area but I believe we will need to work together, each of us accepting a portion of the responsibility to keep Illusions an appealing, friendly place to meet others with similar interests.



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I look forward to the coming year, seeing everyone at the meetings and having another GREAT BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Bye for now.

Mistress Anne

I hope I didn't go on too long!

Once again, Marsha, thanks for your help that evening and for volunteering to go first in the show. I know some of the folks were worried about the possibility of having to go first.

I would also like to thank you for your support not only in organizing the Edmonton club and editing the newsletter, but to all our meetings. It really makes things feel special when people take the time to travel such distances to visit with us and I hope to be able to someday visit the Edmonton club.

That's all for now, take care.

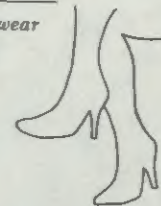
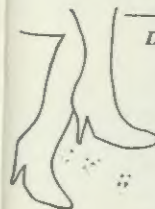
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MEMBER PROFILE

KAREN 071

BIRTHPLACE : ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND.

HEIGHT : 5' - 9"

WEIGHT : 150 LBS.

HAIR : AUBURN.

EYES : BLUE.

INTERESTING PLACES VISITED : JAPAN, MEXICO.

HOBBIES : STEREO/VIDEO RECORDING, MODEL BUILDING & SHOPPING.

FAVOURITE MUSIC : EASY LISTENING & CLASSICAL.

FAVOURITE MOVIES : LOCAL HERO, TOOTSIE & OLD CLASSICS.

DRESS STYLE : CONSERVATIVE.

ACHIEVEMENTS : EXTRA IN MOVIES; PRIMO BABY, HEAVEN & EARTH.

SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF ILLUSIONS, IT IS ENJOYABLE TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETINGS/SOCIALS AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ART OF DRESSING. THE ATMOSPHERE IS WARM AND FRIENDLY, AND THE MEMBERS ARE SINCERE AND SUPPORTIVE.

IN RECENT MONTHS THE CLOSE SUPPORT OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHEN I ANNOUNCED THAT I WAS A TRANSVESTITE, OUT OF THE CLOSET TO STAY WAS VERY GRATIFYING AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT THAT I HAVE RECEIVED HAS GIVEN ME A GREATER STRENGTH TO ACCEPT MY SITUATION AND ENJOY THE MONTHLY GET TOGETHER'S WITH MY GIRL FRIENDS AT ILLUSIONS.

SINCERELY,

*Karen*

KAREN.

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## #001 Barbie PHOTO

Hil Do you need a place to totally feminize? I have started Illusions for TV's - a club for "gals". I can bring you out of the closet and totally transform you into a lady. As owner and designer of Lingerie by Barbie, I can help you with getting custom lingerie & streetwear, nails and wigs. I'd love to hear from you.

## #002 Susan PHOTO

Member of club executive. Looking forward to meeting all members at upcoming meetings.

## #003 Rachele

## #004 Bree PHOTO

Spokesperson for Illusions Calgary and involved in the creation of both Calgary and Edmonton Illusions Social Clubs. I am considered attractive, 5'10", brown hair/eyes - some say passable. Stylish dresser-contemporary looks with a 90's mindset.

## #010 Averul

## #011 Mike

## #012 Vanessa PHOTO

S/W/M - 39 yrs. old, TV. Also member of Marwood Group. Interested in meeting like-minded TV/TS for mutual enjoyment and friendship.

## #013 Mistress Anne PHOTO

Dominant TV, tall & slender, 37 yrs. clean, discreet and reliable. Highly skilled in B&D, mild S&M, TV maid training. I am strict but fair and have private location. Subjects must be of a generous nature, clean & healthy and have a genuine desire to explore their fantasies. Send \$2 for informative letter and photo

## #014 Dawn PHOTO

TV 35 yrs. 5'9" 140lbs, would like to correspond, meet friendship or ? Lives in Central Alberta and attends functions in Edmonton and Calgary. Likes to go to the clubs.

## #015 Audrey

Active hetro senior who has been cross-dressing since childhood. Other interests include listening to good music, hiking, video production, computers, telecommunications.

## #016 Scarlet PHOTO

45 year old submissive TV would like to meet same for B/D encounters of the third kind. Love to be tied up and humiliated. Interests include photography and sewing. Have a fetish for feminine attire (crinolines, garters, etc.) Please reply with phone number to get immediate response.

## #017 Ray

## #018 Ken

## #021 Lori PHOTO

Heterosexual T.V. - age 32, 160 Lbs., 6'0" Into all things sexy. Love short skirts, P.V.C., Leather and Lace, spike heeled shoes and boots. Like to correspond with all. Share your fantasies. Photo a must.

## #022 Joe

## #023 Doug

## #024 Brenda PHOTO

Out-going fun-lovin' TV. Wishes to meet man who enjoys the finer things of life. Tall, sophisticated silver haired lady. Satin sheets are my style. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Age not important.

## #025 Wendy

## #026 Mel

## #027 Collin

## #028 Joan

## #029 Ken

## #030 Pat

## #031 Joanne PHOTO

## #032 Vickey

## #033 Phil

## #034 Daphne PHOTO

Very erotic slim attractive TV age 47 with lovely wardrobe. Wishes to meet TV, TS, ladies and males. Adore mild B/D and safe sex. Can be either D/S. I can be either your slave slut or sexy mistress.

## #036 Stephanie

## #037 Sarah

HTV age 37. Married to a helpful wife. Co-founder of PHI-SIGMA (Tn-ess)

## #038 Dave

## #039 Julie

## #040 Jim

## #041 Ursula

Attractive TV 34 years 5'11" 165 lbs into the total feminine experience of dressing fully in beautiful, sexy clothes including lingerie and high heels. Enjoys shopping photo sessions XXX movies correspondence. Would love to hear from TV/TS & females.

## #042 John

## #043 Ian

## #044 Roseanne

Novice, shy & very insecure but very interested in meetings, phone conversations, photo exchange. I require assistance in breaking the ice. Please write with photo & phone. I will answer all & return photo is required. Just wanting to be loved & needed as well as respected.

## #045 J.F.

## #046 Angela

## #047 Cynthia

## #048 Karen

## #050 Dawn

## #051 Bran

## #052 Barry PHOTO

S/W/M 35 yrs. 5'9" 160lbs. Would like to correspond possibly establish relationship with other TV's. Exchange photo's or VIDEOS. Also require tips on dressing, etc. Write soon!!!!

## #053 Carrie

## #054 Stephanie

## #055 Randle PHOTO

Bi W/M slim attractive N/S interested in TV lifestyle for fun & sex. Would like to hear from similar attractive TV's, males & females for correspondence and possible sexy get-togethers. Age not important but slim attractiveness is. Have lots of revealing lingerie photos, faster response to revealing photo w/ letter.

## #056 Gerry

## #057 Joline PHOTO

Bi/Married 39 year old W/TV, full figured, tasteful dresser, sincere attitude, almost totally out of the closet, and passable daytime and nighttime. Enjoy being with and mee-

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ting all my like minded sisters for social gatherings, shopping trips, and night time adventures. I love to write, but will not send my pic unless I receive yours first. All correspondence answered faithfully. Open minded and looking forward to meeting the right person for a safe, long term, discreet relationship.

## #058 Sherry

## #059 Inga PHOTO

## #060 Donna

## #061 Debbie

Bi/TV, 33 yrs. 5'6" 160lbs. Just out-of-closet seeking TV/TS & females for friendship. Enjoy everything silky & feminine. Infantilism & rubber toys anytime. Let's have a pajama party and play little girl games. Can travel. Phone, photo and descriptive letter appreciated.

## #062 Monica

39 year old Hetro TV. Been interested in crossdressing all my life. Would like to correspond and meet other TV's and females. Looking for new friends. I reside in Lethbridge, Alta and can travel.

## #063 Bob

## #064 Kyla

## #065 Brandy

## #066 Mona

## #067 Dee

## #068 Monty

## #069 Marcia PHOTO

Marcia is a Saskatoon TS who has some good social connections in the town. She is always willing to expand her circle of friends to include more honest and sincere people of any persuasion. Interests include fashion, cooking, small talk

or big philosophical discussions. She also has a strong ex-aviation background. For a friend in the City of Bridges, drop a line.

## #070 Denise

35 year old TV interested in stories correspondence and photo exchange. Love heels, hose & all types of lingerie and cross-dressing. Slim, clean & very discreet, expect the same.

## #071 Karen PHOTO

Out- going, sincere, TV. Enjoys photo sessions, shopping, most types of music, & especially enjoys portraying the feminine side of my personality dressed in full feminine attire. Fully shaven, clean & discrete. Would love to hear from other TV's /TSs & females. Include photo and phone number for prompt reply.

## #072 Dianna PHOTO

Bi TV married, Hil I would like to meet TV's, TS's and ladies who appreciate the art of dressing. I am 5'6", 135 lbs. correspondence and private gettogethers are great. I enjoy being treated as a lady. I live in the mid Ont. area and can travel. Call me. Let's be friends.

## #073 Wendy

Outgoing, fun 35 year old TV. Tall, slim and passible. Enjoy expressing my female side. Into passing in public with other TV,TS,Females and supporters. I'm looking for honest and sincere friends to share my feminine experience with. Totally clean shaven.

## #074 Kelly

## #075 Ann

## #076 George



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## #077 Jessica

Women take it for granted, when I transform myself I feel more feminine than women. I am shy and need someone (female, male, TV/TS) who can help me to liberate the femme in me. Please I need your help to get out of the closet, since I can not wait to experience what real women do..

## #078 Kathy

Attractive TV wishes more social contact with sisters and admirers.

## #079 Tracey

Hi I'm a 29 yr. old 5'6" 130 lbs. TV novice. I love dressing up in lingerie and being a true submissive to a dominant "lady".

## #080 Jessica

## #081 Karen

## #082 Michael

## #083 Randy

## #084 Leslie

I enjoy meeting other "ladies" & fashion interests me.

## #085 Gina

## #086 Lily

## #087 Regina

## #088 Randy

## #089 Monique

## #090 Ed

## #091 Ted

## #092 Joyce

## #093 Roxanne

## #094 Bruce

## #095 Derm

## #096 Jo Anne

## #097 Morna

## #098 Brad

## #099 Ralph

## #100 Jacqueline

## #101 Sandy

## #102 Diana

## #103 Carol

## #108 Bobbie

## #109 Brooke

33 yr. old TV. Interested in meeting and corresponding with TV/TS's and ladies. Tall, slim and very discreet.

## #110 Stacey

## #111 Gabriella

Married, hetero, TV fetishist is interested in communicating, friendship, with TV's whose affections include footwear, lingerie, hosiery, PVC, leather, other erotic clothing. Also would like to establish and promote support group for TV fetishists and spouses or friends. Contact must be sincere and discreet.

## EDMONTON MEMBERS

## #200 Krystal PHOTO

Hi there! I am a 25 yr. old TS, blonde, 36B-28-38, 6' tall and 162 lbs. I enjoy computers, classical music and the company of people. I would like to correspond with others of like. I am an executive of Illusions Edmonton.

## #201 Marsha PHOTO

34 year. old TV 46C-31-42 6'2" 182lbs. Regular at the Roost, Thursdays & Saturdays as well as Illusions Functions. Likes fine clothes and dressing up for going out. Is an

executive of Illusions Edmonton. Wishes to correspond with other TV/TS & possibly go out for an evening at the Roost or Underground.

## #204 Dixie

TV, mid 40's, 6'0" 195lbs. Retro non-smoking. Style of dress classic conservative. Interested in all facets of femme-tech. Would like to correspond and meet with similar TV. Owns and operates Crossland Shoes.

## #205 Nicole

## #206 Michelle PHOTO

## #207 Melissa

## #208 Terri

## #209 Kathy

## #210 Colleen PHOTO

## #211 Jim (Jamie)

## #212 Jamie

## #213 Robert

## #214 Kim

## #215 Terri PHOTO

Love interacting, in person or by mail, with all my sisters. You're just very special people and I love you. I'm a regular at Edmonton meetings and I plan to try to get to some Calgary meetings this summer. Hope to see or hear from you soon.

## #216 Milla

## #218 Sally PHOTO

Bi TV 33. Looking for the right TV. Must be clean-shaven all over and passable. Prefer a dom. as I am very submissive. Love all cultures as B/D, G/S am F/A G/P love to be spanked as can be very naughty. Also would like to try a couple; could be maid and could serve to please. NO MEN please. Also have extensive collection of TV videos. Willing to trade. Send for list and maybe we can trade. Would also like to star in a TV VIDEO!

Bye for now. EDMONTON AREA ONLY!

## #219 Candice PHOTO

Long legged blonde TS. Very outgoing! Would love to meet other TS, TV for friendship or get-togethers. All you cute guys out there who have a sweettooth... there's a tasty piece of candy her waiting to be nibbled on! See ya soon!!!!

## #220 Michel

## #221 Kinley & Linda

## #222 Darien

Attractive TS from the west coast would like to meet and make friends with in Edmonton and Calgary. I am musically inclined and interested in meeting others.

## #223 Stella

Female who wishes to do sewing for TV's and TS's. Phone number available in the ad located elsewhere in the magazine! Don't be afraid to phone!

## #224 Rose Ann

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interested in meeting other TV/TS people for nice times

## #235 Derrick

## #236 Sandra

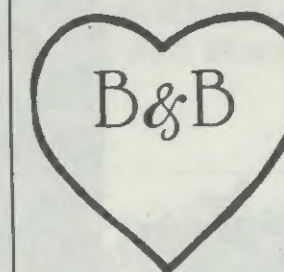
## #237 Merry Rose Starre

Personable Bi TV 38. Living in Red Deer area. into outdoor activities and weight training. I like music and live theatre as well I'm interested in meeting other TV/TS people for nice times.

## #238 Chantelle

Hi I'm Chantelle Love outdoors, Lace and nylon!!!!

## #239 Barbra



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# Club Reports

## Calgary

### A Message to the Membership.....

Over the past year various people have voiced concerns about Illusions Social Club Operations. I am going to address as many of these as I can remember and hopefully rid the membership of a topic that is non-productive.

**1. Illusions and Lingerie by Barbie are too closely related.** First of all without Barbie's shop there wouldn't be Illusions, as Barbie's shop is what drew the core group together and continues to draw individuals into the membership of the club. People talk to Barbie about having items made, then hear about the club from Barbie. Without Barbie promoting Illusions this club would stagnate.

**2. Illusions is making money for Barbie.** If club members choose to buy from Barbie's shop that's great. Barbie is offering several services to our lifestyle and we should support Barbie's shop.....but beyond that Illusions is a non-profit organization. Illusions doesn't generate any profits.

**3. Illusions must be making money - where is it going?** First of all Illusions is a non-profit organization. Membership fees cover card lamination and covers costs of posters, reply letters, membership forms and return postage. Door charges for

functions - \$5.00 is a pretty in-expensive evening out. Considering we supply wine, pop, coffee, coffee supplies, cups, glasses, snacks and pay the hall rental..... anyone who thinks there is excess after expenses isn't very realistic. Last Christmas we took the small bank account and bought the Christmas turkey and fixings, paid for the hall and gave all in attendance a rose.....for this the membership paid nothing. At the birthday party we again supplied wine, pop, coffee, munchies etc. We paid 3 times the week day rent for weekend rental of the hall, supplied banners, birthday cake, flowers to the winners. As always a break even proposition. You only have to look at Toronto's Crossdressers Club Membership Fees to realize we are a non-profit organization. If you want to see CDC's rates.....ask to see their newsletter.

### 4. Why isn't Illusions ran by committee?

Committees simply don't work. Members bring their own likes and dislikes into their decisions and polarity starts to fragment the membership. We have a diverse membership and we are trying to appeal to Crossdressers in general.....not CD's that are one particular persuasion or sexual orientation. In so doing the direction for the club must be unbiased.....the club is successful now and I expect will continue to be successful because we are adhering to our covenants of a non-sexual, non-judgmental club for those that enjoy the hobby of Crossdressing. As long as the membership remains loyal to the hobby of crossdressing first and their own personal crossdressing segment second (be it B&D, Leather, Hooker, Whatever.....). So we never become a group of warring segments always trying to one up the other segment, this club will survive. If we concern ourselves with helping each other and providing support for new people in our hobby, this club will survive. We are into a new year for Illusions and one that will see continued growth personally for all of us.

**5. Illusions and the Newsletter.** Our early attempts at communication to the membership through letters before each function was fine when our membership was small but it was costly due to postage prices. We needed some other vehicle of communications.....Marsha to the rescue..... Illusions Newsletter..... Its grown and is an excellent way for our membership to be advised of what is going on. Again excellent value for the small cost per member. Profits are small to non-existent through the club subscription. There is now a

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commercial version of the newsletter that with luck will generate a profit for Marsha. Marsha should see some return for her time and effort on this endeavour.

Submitted by BRYAN.

### Edmonton

Well after entering the Calgary Report I must admit we have had some problems of our own.

**1. I have been accused of behaviour not becoming of our club.** Well..... if so when and at what meeting was my behaviour not proper???? I admit I go to the bars alot and am a well known person at the bars. What I do on my time is my business. It is part of our club standard that any member can dress any way they feel as long as it meets the rules of moral decency. It seems I am being judged for my behaviour at the bars because of the way I dress.

**2. The paper has been accused of selling tickets for functions for profit!!** Well this ticket selling was to be a convenience to members because I travel to calgary regularly. If the Ball Ticket is \$25.00 in advance (written on the Ticket) and sell the ticket to you for \$25.00 Where the Profit??? This was meant to be a convenience to all members because of the paper being the centre of the club communications. If complaints like this continue and the source is found that person will be removed from the club.

**3. Why should members have to pay \$2.00 to send mail.** One it is a service and Two who is going to pay my gas to the post office!! If you disagree with this then place your real address in your personals!!

I have tried to do my best in the clubs interests and will continue to do so. Even that I am fully out of the closet this club means a lot to me so if you have a complaint about how things are being done Talk to us Don't spread unfair rumors in bars and clubs about us or our club.

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The exclusive, members-only club caters to a specific clientele — guys who enjoy dressing up as women, explains owner Paddy Aldridge, who, oddly enough, is a woman.

In the four months the club's been open, more than 75 men have become members at a cost of \$35 to \$600. Most say they enjoy the ambience that allows them to satisfy their bizarre fetish without public scorn.

They're also drawn to the club's well-outfitted transvestite boutique, Take A Walk On The Wildside Inc., which provides cross-dressing clients with a wide range of services, including makeup, dressing and transformation sessions that can

turn the most masculine man into a feminine gal.

The boutique offers the kind of clothes that would make the most fashion-conscious woman green with envy — fashionable wigs, sensuous lingerie, sexy garter belts, soft silk stockings, sparkling jewelry and eye-popping evening wear. It also provides breast forms (to create what nature forgot) and cross-dressing books, magazines and videos.

Says owner Aldridge: "The club and boutique are like a breath of fresh air for many of my clients. They're so relieved. When they walk in the store, they're like a kid in a candy store."

While a few of the club's transvestite clients are gay, the vast majority are straight men who just happen to enjoy dressing as women. Some developed their fascination for women's clothing as children, while others discovered the need to dress up in adulthood.

Many are married — and have a normal relationship with their wives, says Aldridge. However, while they don't mind sharing a blouse and skirt with their husbands, most wives REFUSE to let them bring their fetish into the bedroom.

Adds Aldridge: "Some of the guys who do support it are happy because there's a distinct personality change when the husband cross-dresses."

"Many of the men are in real macho jobs, high positions, com-

**New club caters to men who'd rather be women**

pany presidents. They're under a lot of pressure, and they can relax until they assume another role."

According to the men who visit the Toronto Cross-Dresser Club regularly, the outrageous hot spot offers a place where they can act out their private fantasy in the company of others who understand.

"I love this place," says a customer named "Betty." "Before I discovered the club I lived a private hell. Only my wife knew about my cross-dressing, and I lived in terror that my friends would discover my oil session and drop me like a hot potato."

"But here, everyone shares common interest. We swap fashion and makeup tips and provide support for those who are just beginning to learn the joy of transvestism."

"Betty" adds: "We're not perverts or gays, we're normal guys who enjoy the feel of women clothing on our bodies."

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## THAT FIRST VISIT TO A "REAL" HAIRDRESSER

Ladies hair dressing has always been a fascination of mine, to sit in a beauty chair with a shampoo cape draped around your shoulders and to let a beautiful svelte maiden do wondrous things to your tresses is perhaps one of the most wonderful ways to relax an afternoon away.

But, the prospect of entering a salon filled with a load of nagging old biddies having their weekly blue rinses, is rather daunting to even the most ardent of transvestites.

As with many transvestite situations, I was plunged into the wondrous world of a ladies hairdressing salon at the proverbial deep end.

I had been retained to present a run of twenty four Western Region, School Broadcasts for C.B.C. and had successfully complete the necessary rehearsals and was ready for my debut in front of the cameras.

The producer roared into the studio. "Everything's fine and we're ready for tomorrow's shoot."

All in the studio breathed a sigh of relief, for he was a very hard director to work under. "But, you." and he pointed directly to me. "Cannot go on air looking like that.!"

"W-w-w-hat do you mean.?" I stammered.

"Your hair it's a disgrace.!"

I hastily finger combed my longish hair that was cut in a straggly man's style. "See it'll be Okay.!"

The producer gave me a withering look and wrote an address on a piece of paper and told me to go there that very afternoon or else the show wouldn't go on air. The stage hands immediately started sniggering. I agreed rather reluctantly and set off for the hair dressers. The name of the establishment being "Ruby Sharons School Of Hair Design." (This company is now no more but certainly did exist in Edmonton.)

I arrived at the appointed location and looked in very quickly. Good GOD. I quaked inwardly, a ladies hair dressing salon. There must be a "Gents Salon" round the corner. I walked passed the front door and round the corner. No, there was no "Gents Salon". I walked back again and checked out the other corner. Yet again I drew a blank. I repeated the wandering back and forth many times to no avail.

After about fifteen minutes of pacing I saw two arms snaking out from the front door of the salon and I was literally hauled inside by Ruby Sharon, herself, and her head teacher. "You must be the gentleman we've been expecting. Sit down there a minute."

I sat down in the waiting area, blushing the deepest red that no amount of makeup could possibly match or camouflage for that matter, fearfully averting my eyes from a vast coven of ladies, all in various states of being prettied, conscious all the time of that heady aroma one gets in hair dressing salons of the various aromas of scent, hair being dried by hot air, permanent wave solutions, shampoo and the noise, the ever present chatter of loud voices raised above the hair dryers and the all pervading rustle of plastic shampoo capes. The entire salon hushed as I sat down.



One could almost hear them in a loud aside. "I say, Mildred, there's" one of those" in the salon." Eventually I was asked to visit Ruby Sharon in her office where I was thoroughly disarmed of my fears and advised that her top student would look after me and that it was not at all unusual for a man to have his hair done "properly".

Margaret entered the office. "You wanted to see me madam.?" Yes Margaret, This gentleman is doing a series of programmes for CBC and the producer has complained about his hair. Perhaps you could make him look more appropriate for his television debut.?" "Yes madam." And turning to me, she grabbed hold of my wrist and led me to her Work Station' that fortunately was well out of the main area of the salon and completely free of customers. But, we had to cross the main floor of the salon and the titters and loud asides were all to present. I quaked in my shoes.

Finally far from the madding crowd I was led into an empty area lined with dozens of shampoo sinks and hair dryers.

"This is where we have our practical class room sessions. You'll be quite safe here. Nobody will interrupt us.!"

A massive, sleeved, pink shampoo cape floated gently across my shoulders and my arms were guided into elastic cuffed sleeves. I felt the neck strap tighten to my throat.

"Now what shall we do with your hair.?"

"I don't know. Just do it and let's get on with it.!"

"All you men are the same. Slam bam, thank you ma'am." I was suitably admonished.

"Well what do you want to do with me then.?" I started to get rather petulant.

Margaret then listed off a hundred and one things she could do with the hair, all of which sounded very intriguing but, after all I was a man and men just didn't do those sorts of things. But, the nagging feeling was raging through my mind that this was not half as bad as I thought it was going to be. In fact it looked as though I was going to like it after all. Not like, rather enjoy the session, but rather in a more strange and subtle way. A way that had me worried lest I get the disease and become "one of those." Finally I uttered the fateful words.

"You know more about hair than I'll ever know. Why don't I leave the final style in your capable hands, after all it's only a water wave set and if it doesn't look right, why, then we can reset it again.!"

Hell hath no fury like that of a woman's scorn. To quote an old saw. It was obvious that I had said the wrong words. Somehow I managed to appease Margaret and she led me over to the shampoo sink. I tensed and was told curtly to relax. Two shampoos later and unable to answer the question "Do you want me to put a conditioner on your hair.?" I was led back to the 'station', sat down in front of the mirror and the back drape of the shampoo cape was carefully lifted over the back of the beauty chair. The elasticated wrists of the shampoo cape gripped my wrists tightly. Margaret sectioned my hair and started to cut. "I'll layer cut the hair and this'll make it go nice and wavy."

Okay, I liked that idea. Hair clippings dropped onto the cape as Margaret worked away and stuck against the plastic like so many

creepy crawly insects.

"Now for the rollers.!"

"Oh, no. Not rollers." I squawked.

Margaret was adamant.

"I don't know what I'm to do with you then for if I dry the hair now it will stick out like a cocks comb."

"Okay, I've gone this far, you'd better finish it off.!"

"Thank you.!" The tone with which she said these words was not lost on me.

The tail comb scrapped gently across the top of my fore head and 20-30 strands of wet hair were held up at about a two inch length and a green roller was wound onto the strands and bobby clipped into place. The rolling of the hair progressed centrally across my head from fore head to nape then each side of my hair was rolled and pinned. I was beginning to relax and started to joke with Margaret. This brought forth praise and we started to discuss the plain statement of truth that many men did indeed have their hair shampooed and set on a weekly basis and looked all the better for taking the trouble.

"There now, that's got your hair properly set. Now I'll put you under the dryer, but to stop your hair blowing all over the place I'll put this hair net on you."

I swallowed and croaked. "Okay."

A large meshed pink hair net was laid across my head and caught below my ear lobes to be tied into a small knot and bow at the nape of my neck to leave a smallish pig tail of hair net dangling down my centre back. Finally she fitted some ear protectors to my ears and led me to the rank of hair dryers. She removed the shampoo cape.

"I'll give you about thirty minutes and then come and check you for dryness. Would you like something to read and a cup of coffee.?" I accepted both and received a lap full of ladies magazines and a mug of coffee that had seen better days. The hood dryer was lowered to my head and the fan roared to life.

I soon learnt how to precariously balance the whole combination whilst my head was encased in the hood of the hair dryer. Incidentally have you ever tried to drink coffee whilst under a hood dryer. Don't it'd hard. I had the chance to contemplate my situation. I was in actual reality, enjoying myself, my inner most feminine feelings were coming to the fore and I inwardly discovered that I was indeed not becoming "one of those" and that the final result must turn out all right because I had yet to see any person leave a hair dressing salon looking unkempt, depending on your point of view.

Thirty minutes droned by and Margaret checked me for dryness. "Not quite dry yet. I'll give you another fifteen minutes." The hood dropped over my head again.

At last I was released from the hood dryer and returned to the "station" to sit down again in the beauty chair. Margaret now draped my shoulders with a pink nylon makeup cape with satin ruffles and a pink satin neck bow which she tied under my chin.

"No complaints this time.?"

"No and I must apologize for my boorish behavior earlier. You see I was so terribly scared and now that I've had a chance to think



things over I know that what ever you do will turn out to be all right.!"

I received a nice genuine shoulder cuddle from Margaret. Margaret spent a long time combing out the set, longer than I had expected. I felt wonderful sitting in front of a mirror, being made "pretty", and feeling as though I had missed something from my life. Something that was an essential part of my being. A part that had been neglected for far to long. A part of me that was rapidly coming to the fore and somehow had to be controlled. I was brought out of my reveries my Margaret who was patiently asking me if I liked the set. I did indeed and thought that she had done a wonderful job and told her so.

"Just one minute. I have to get this checked by madam." Margaret went off in search of Ruby Sharon and left me sitting in front of the mirror resplendent with a pink nylon makeup cape around my shoulders. I fingered the cape and enjoyed the strange stiff softness of nylon, the strange smoothness of satin and also my own strange inner feelings. Here was me, a straight heterosexual, happily married for many years actually enjoying his first visit to a ladies hair dressing salon.

"Oh, yes Margaret. You have done a good job. Here lend me your comb and we'll just lift this little sink spot." The adjustment was made and Ruby Sharon departed calling over her shoulder as she swept out of the door.

"Better fix the hair with spray for it's getting quite windy outside."

Margaret liberally sprayed my hair do with an evil smelling hair spray and undid the makeup cape.

"See you next week then.?"

"Yes. I've got quite a number of programmes to do and I expect that the director will want me to come here regularly."

"Good. I'll be waiting for you then. Bye."

I left the shop and walked to the car park conspicuous all the time of every person within viewing distance looking at a man with a gorgeous hair do. I tried to hide myself by walking in line with lamp posts or the pillars of buildings. I was thankful to get into the dark recesses of the car park and slip gratefully behind the wheel of th car to become one of those non entities who drive the city roads daily, inconspicuous, yet seeing every thing.

I managed to pay my parking fees without any comment and now had to pass the acid test of walking indoors to face my family of four and worst of all my wife.

The result was devastating. My three boys thought that I had taken leave of my senses and my daughter thought that I looked "Kinda cute." But my wife was horrified. "But darling, I've got to do this for the T.V.programmes."

"Well if that's all it's for then I suppose that I'll have to put up with it. But this must not become a habit.!"

I was mortified. I felt good. I felt very sexual. I felt beautifully feminine. I looked good and my family had rejected me. I went to the bed room and into our half bath room and locked the door. I picked up a hair brush and was prepared to brush the horrible set out and straighten my hair, and then in the morning to go to a barbers, one of the "Hack and slash merchants", and

treat myself to a brush cut. I'd show the family and everyone else who was a "real" man.

"Your suppers on the table." My wife peremptually announced without knocking on the door. I actually had the hair brush poised above my head ready to take the first heavy brush swath through my new found lovely wavy hair. I put the brush down and went to the dining alcove. Dinner that evening was a quite affair. No chatter from the children. My wife sitting sullenly through the whole meal and myself feeling as though my entire world had collapsed into a bottomless pit. Conversation was scant all evening long. My four children did not ask me any homework questions and instead went directly to my wife with their questions. I felt humiliated, down in the dumps, completely depressed and ready to even consider taking my life.

I did however finish the twenty four television programmes and went on to do many thousands of hours of further programming for most of the T.V.stations in Edmonton. Even to this day I am still shunned by my family for having the temerity to have my hair done in a ladies salon and to even have the temerity to wear a ladies style in public. Luckily for me I'm still married although celibate for sixteen odd years. My wife just about tolerates my hair dressing activities and my family still barely speak to me. I have thus become a member of that band of men whose family does not and will not attempt to understand their feelings, that are definitely not feminine, but are feelings that simply state "You can make yourself look pretty, why can't I do the same with decorum.? You admire that grey haired gent with lovely waves across his head, but I'm not allowed to have any waves set into my hair. Please, where's the difference.?"

The upshot of the above true story is that for more than ten years, until Ruby Sharon sold her salon, I defied my family, for I became a regular weekly customer and acted as a hair and cosmetic model for the students and gradually overcame my fear of appearing to be different.

Inthe last few days I have penned my signature to the application form of "Illusions" and now look forward to exploring in depth the entire wonderful world of complete and utter transvestism.

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